

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

East Pennsylvania.

Scranton, Pa., June 11, 1900.

To the Editor:

I am now making my third tour in the East Pennsylvania conference and will visit five counties before returning to Scranton. We are exceedingly busy traveling every day and holding meetings at night in churches, halls, school houses, parks, cottages and on the streets. The spirit of investigation and friendship is increasing. Many books are being sold and tracts distributed. People are reading and thinking for themselves, and finding they have been deceived and deceived by the sensational anti-Mormon writers and speakers. Friends and investigators are increasing, prejudice is diminishing, and the cause of truth is marching grandly on. The Elders are treated with more respect and consideration, both by the people and the press. The anti-Mormon stories don't "hang together." The elements of "harmony and consistency" are both wanting.

The Roberts' "crusade" has done us a world of good. He has ten friends and admirers where he had one before.

Truly I can behold their change in the past two years. The "leaven" is working and the "stone is rolling," crushing the "iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold, for the God of heaven hath set up his kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

I spent over a year in Tompkins and Seneca counties, N. Y., and nearly a year among the everlasting hills of Pennsylvania.

Elder John P. Roberts and I have been out over two years. We anticipate our release about the 22nd of June.

What a happy period is the life of a humble "Mormon" missionary! We are now making what we will call our farewell campaign, in the western part of the conference. The Elders are humble, faithful and devoted. I feel proud to be associated with such a noble band of earnest workers. Over half of the twenty-five counties of the East Pennsylvania conference have been traced and most of our Elders are opening new fields south of the Blue Mountains.

"The truth will prevail."

DAVID SPILSBURY.

A Word for Liberty.

Bardonia, Nelson Co., Ky.

June 12, 1900.

To the Editor:

Sunday, June 10, 1900, we were spending the day with some friends. By the request of the lady of the house we held meeting. After delivering a sermon on the Gospel, the gentleman of the house, Mr. John E. Ruby, said he wished to say a few words in behalf of the "Mormon" Elders. The house was again called to order. And he said in substance:

"Citizens of Nelson Co., Ky., and of the United States of America: It is somewhat a delicate subject that I wish to speak on this evening, especially in my own house. I would much rather it would be on the cross roads, or in some public building. I feel it my duty to say a few words. I am ashamed of the State of Kentucky, where the Constitution of our country grants every man the privilege of worshipping according to the dictates of his own conscience. These men have, by people that claim to be Christians, been debarrd from preaching in our school houses and churches. I do not belong to any church; neither do I want it said I am preaching Mormonism. I would to God I was worthy; for I am convinced, if they are not preaching the Gospel, it is not on the earth. But if they were foreigners or infidels, it would be our duty to show them courtesy. Much more should we be courteous to these men, born in our country. I have proven them to be gentlemen in every respect."

Mr. Ruby spoke very forcibly for twenty minutes and was listened to with marked attention. The impression he made was very good. We were asked by a minister who was present to come and preach at his house. Thus we see the walls of prejudice being torn down. Mr. Ruby has great influence in his county and his house has been a home for the Elders for the last four years.

Your brother,
J. E. MYLER.
E. D. OLFIN.

A Notable Dream.

East Kansas Conference, Doniphan Co.,

June 12, 1900.

To the Editor:

At our spring conference, which was held at Avoca, Jackson Co., Kansas, March 15 and 19, last, we were assigned to labor in Doniphan county. We arrived at the field of labor, March 24, from which time we have been blessed with excellent health, and have greatly enjoyed our labors. We have been laboring in the Bluffs, along the Missouri river, and find the people to be very kind and hospitable. We have held some cottage meetings as well as public meetings, and as a rule they have been well attended. In the Burdick district we held a good series of meetings, which was well attended, but our Baptist friends soon became aroused, and on arriving at the school house, we found a notice written on the black board in these words: "You Mormons, leave within twenty-four hours, or we will know the reason why." We trusted in the Lord and were permitted to hold two more meetings. Then there was loud talk of riot, and as our friends outnumbered our enemies, we thought best to close and avoid trouble. We visited a small island in the Missouri river, known as the Fox Island. Seven families inhabited the island. We held two meetings with them, the first ever held on the island. We also held a series of meetings in the Gladden district, where we found some investigators. From there we went to the city of Wathens, which has 300 inhabitants. In visiting the houses of the people, we came to the door of Mr. John J. H. Boyles late in the evening of June 1st. He met us at the door, and after we had stated our object in calling, he grasped us by the hands and said: "God bless you; the truth has come here last." We were invited in, and in the course of conversation he related a dream he had the night before. He

said: "I dreamt I was talking with a person, who was a stranger to me, and it appeared that I was in great trouble, but the person told me not to grieve, for, said he, 'I will send you another comforter, even the spirit of truth, that it may abide with you forever.' And he said: 'Look, here they come, and they shall tell you what to do.' I looked and saw two men coming with grips in hand. The person then left me and I awoke."

This is the dream as he related in his conversation with me. We came to his door, he identified us as being the men, and we had not talked over an hour till he applied for baptism.

JOHN W. ANDERSON.

WM. E. ROBBINS.

"In Sunny New South Wales."

Goulburn, N. S. W. Aus.,

May 12th, 1900.

To the Editor:

Just six months ago today one of the writers left his home and friends in Zion as an ambassador of the Gospel, having been set apart the day before last to fill a mission in Australia. The small company consisted of Joseph E. Storey, who was set apart to labor in the Sandwich Islands; J. B. Orton, Lorenzo Ward, and myself looked for the Australian mission; all of North Ogden, also Albert S. Ferrin of View, Utah, and J. M. Hixson, of Salt Lake City, both for New Zealand. The first few days of our experiences on our journey were not at all pleasant, as it stormed almost without ceasing for seven days and as many nights. But few escaped the sea sickness. After having recovered from that and passed through the stormy weather our voyage was pleasant to the end. We left Elder Storey at Honolulu, and Elder Ward at Brisbane, and arrived in Sydney, the largest city in the colony, on December 19th, 1899, making thirty-one days in all.

One month later the other writer left his home and loved ones on a like errand having also been assigned the same field, and after having passed through a similar experience on our "peaceful ocean," he landed in Sydney January 9th, 1900.

After arriving, we each spent several days in visiting among the Saints and people. In visiting the parks and principal places of the city, and in recruiting ourselves preparatory for the discharge of our duties. After having thoroughly recovered from the effects of the long voyage, we settled our baggage, and supplied ourselves with Gospel tracts, a small memorandum book, and set off to gain our first experience in placing the "True Gospel" before the people, as taught by our Savior. This we did in fear and trembling. No doubt, it is common with all young, inexperienced Elders to be a little shaky at first. Some of the people gladly accepted our literature, while others gave us no encouragement, but plainly advised us to leave at once and never call again. The same day we came in contact with a Church of England minister, who invited us inside and began to slander and ridicule us. He told us we had better go home and save ourselves first, instead of coming out here trying to delude the people and lead them astray. This ended our first day's traveling, and it caused us to fully realize why we were out in the world and the class of people we have to meet.

We spent the first three months in Sydney and suburbs, tracing and visiting, while others gave us no encouragement. On account of but few experienced Elders in the field we were appointed to labor together in this city about one hundred and thirty-eight miles south of Sydney. Since arriving here we have distributed a great many tracts, loaned books, etc. We have mingled with the people and tried to convince them that we are here for their benefit, being clothed with power and authority to officiate in the sacred ordinances of the Gospel. We have also held many meetings in our little hall and also several cottage meetings, which are generally quite well attended. We have had the pleasure of proclaiming the glad tidings to many of the people in spite of the bitter prejudice and opposition which we are compelled to meet. We have nothing to fear, for we realize that they are fighting against God's work, and not the work of man. Although we have received no brotherly aid, yet, we feel that much good is being done and that our labors will not be in vain.

The winter season is setting in now, but it brings no snow. The nights are very cold and frosty and the days

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quite pleasant. We have had many and varied experiences which serve to strengthen our testimonies, and we can truly testify to all that if an Elder will go forth determined to obey the call made of him, being filled with the Spirit of his calling and always depend upon the Lord for his assistance, he will make a success.

T. S. NEWS.

I indeed a welcome visitor and the means of doing much good.

We are your brethren in Christ,

B. F. BLAYLOCK, JR.,

E. A. COWLEY.

Scottish Conference.

Glasgow, Scotland, June 4, 1900.

To the Editor:

The Scottish conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in Glasgow on Sunday, May 27, 1900, the first meeting being held at 10 a. m. at No. 4 Carlton Place, South Side, and the afternoon sessions were held at St. Andrew's Hall at 2 and 6:30 p. m. respectively. There were present of the European presidency, Elders Platte D. Lyman and Henry W. Naisbitt; of the Newcastle conference, Elders F. W. Mitchell, president, and Elders Christopher and Joseph Holland; of the Irish conference, Elder John O. Freckleton, together with Elder James K. Miller and all the Elders and sisters of the Scottish conference. The Saints of Scotland were also well represented.

Following the usual preliminaries the morning session was largely devoted to remarks by Elder Lyman, who spoke earnestly upon the significance of raising the hand to sustain those in authority in the holy Priesthood. He deprecated the fact that in the past too little attention had been paid to this sacred proceeding among the Latter-day Saints.

The General Authorities of the Church as voted upon at the last general conference in Salt Lake City, were then presented and unanimously sustained as well as the presidency of the European mission, and James K. Miller as president of the Scottish conference. The statistical report for the six months showed a gratifying condition of affairs, the work done indicating a good degree of energy on the part of the missionaries—the cause of quite a reawakening religiously among the people of Scotland. The meeting closed with remarks by Elder John S. Smith, next speaker, who testified to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Mitchell of the Newcastle conference was the first speaker, his topic being the principle of revelation. Elder Naisbitt next spoke, dealing with "us" as referred to in Glasgow motto: "Let Glasgow flourish by the Preaching of the Word." He spoke highly of the spirit of religious liberty so greatly manifested throughout Scotland, and lauded the men who made possible such a happy condition of affairs. Elder John Young rendered the solo, "O Grave, Where is Thy Victory?" and Sister Josephine Booth spoke on the women of Utah and their influence in the world.

In the evening Sisters Liza Chipman and Mary Frame spoke on conditions in Zion and the history of Saul respectively. Elder Platte D. Lyman addressed the conference, dealing with the Gospel plan of life and salvation, and exhorted the strangers present to investigate "Mormonism" with a desire to know the truth, and they would receive a testimony of its divinity. Elder Young rendered the solo, "O Grave, Where is Thy Victory?"

On Monday the Elders, sisters and local brethren met at the conference house, 33 Holmhead street, in Priesthood meeting, all the workers from Zion reporting their labors and their respective fields. Elders Lyman and Naisbitt instructed those present in their duties and urged them to be true and faithful to every trust reposed in them. Elder Mer having been honorably discharged, returned home, and Henry Thompson was presented and unanimously sustained as his successor. On Tuesday another meeting was held at the conference house. Elder Naisbitt thronged the various hints and suggestions to those engaged in missionary labors.

The prospects for the spread of the Gospel in Scotland are most favorable and all feel in rejoice over the outlook. Tracting from door to door is being vigorously carried on, while street meetings are a nightly occurrence in all fields where the Elders are laboring. A good many are at present investigating, and others are being baptized. We are to see the truth and "walk in the light as He is in the light." Success to the "News." It is a bearer of general intelligence, second only to letters from loved ones in the vales of the Rocky Mountains.

ALEX. BUCHANAN, JR.

Additions to the Church.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 18, 1900.

To the Editor:

In this part of the Lord's vineyard, are found many noble people, many who are anxious to follow the Apostle Paul's advice—"Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." We find many people, however, who are ignorant concerning the true status of "Mormonism," and some of the vaguest ideas relative to the tenets of our Church. Some are suspicious of its proselyters, looking askance at each other, others are stereotyped in their views; but, in the aggregate, I am glad to say, that the people of Minnesota, and especially of its metropolitan city, wherein my companion and I are laboring, are a good-minded people, a people who are anxious to accept truth wherever it is found—a people who are willing to "go to the law and to the testimony" and see whether or not we speak in accordance therewith. Success and the blessings of the Gospel are attending our efforts. Within the last two weeks two more individuals have been added to the fold of Christ, going down into the waters of baptism confessing their sins. Several others are being signified their desire of being baptized, and are to receive that sacred ordinance in the near future. A Sunday school has recently been organized here in Minneapolis and the fruits of the same are even now discernible. A preparatory and a theological class is being conducted, and much interest in the same is manifested by Saints and by friends.

The valiant defender of truth, the Deseret News, is regularly received and eagerly scanned. Your brethren in the Gospel,

GEO. C. REDDEN.

GEO. D. CASTO.

Preaching the Gospel.

Hill County, Texas,

June 15, 1900.

To the Editor:

Nine months ago I left my home in Arizona to fill a mission in the Southwestern States. I arrived in Athens, Henderson county, on the 19th of October, 1899, which was the center of the Lone Star conference. I started out on my labors from there to travel without purse or scrip in company with Elders Alfred A. Bennett and L. S. Heward. It was a hard task for me at first, and I thought if missionary life would always be like this, a little of it would do me. But it soon became a pleasure, and now I am enjoying my labors very much.

I spent the first two weeks with Elder

Heward, and then with Elder John R. Clark, until conference, which was held at Piquette Rest, on November 3th, 10th and 11th, where we had an enjoyable time together, there being sixteen of the Elders in all. Conference with us was called to labor with Elder Heber J. Morgan in San Augustine and Saline counties, where we made a good many friends and were the means of baptizing one person. Next I met in conference at C. H. Chandler in Hill county, on February 28th and March 1st and 2nd, where we had the pleasure of meeting Elder William T. Jack and Elder Cowley, who gave the Elders and Saints some very interesting lessons. I was then assigned to labor with Elder C. H. Chandler in Hill county. On entering our field of labor we knelt in prayer before God, dedicating ourselves and our country unto Him, and we were determined to open the way before us that we might get the Gospel before the people in this part of the vineyard.

The "News" is always a welcome visitor and is doing much good among the people.

This country is blessed with a good grain crop, and cotton and corn are looking very promising. There has been a great deal of rain here this spring, which has delayed the farmers in the labor, but they are like a hive of busy bees going night and day. Threshers, binders, cultivators and cotton choppers can be seen in all directions. The latter are run generally by steam, and a woman and the machinery used is a hoe which requires a great deal of manual labor.

A. B. RANDALL.

In the South.

Exie, Alabama,

June 13, 1900.

To the Editor:

During the past four months we have labored in Van Buren county, Tenn., during which time we have spent many happy moments, and being with good and kind treatment, having led very honest souls down into the waters of baptism and left many more investigators.

When called to leave that county and come to Cherokee county, Ala., where we are laboring at the present time, it seemed like leaving home. Many tears were shed both by Saints and friends, as we bade them good-bye. We made our way on foot through sunshine and rain (mostly rain) to Chattanooga, where we received instructions from our conference president, and then went on to the present field of labor, visiting Saints and friends along the way, arriving in our county June 5th. We had the names of four Saints, who lived in this county, who were baptized in the past, by Elders Merrett and Murphy. We set out to find them and after four days' search found one family of whom we were glad to see us, not having seen Elder Merrett for some time. They were Sunday school teachers, and with them and had a very pleasant time. Monday morning we started for Howell's Cross Roads, where we were informed the other family lived. We set out to find them and after four days' search found one family of whom we were glad to see us, not having seen Elder Merrett for some time.

There has been much brotherly love and kindness shown to us, and we are enjoying our labors very much. The Lord has blessed us in many ways. Any one having friends or relatives in this part of Illinois, desiring the Elders to call on them, please send us their addresses, and we will gladly visit them.

Your brethren in the Gospel,

A. A. LARSON.

W. W. HALL.

Opening Up New Fields.

Deadwood, South Dakota,

June 22, 1900.

To the Editor:

About three weeks ago four of us left Chicago to come to this place in order to try to establish a conference in South Dakota. Elder Kerch is very desirous of seeing some branches established in the Black Hills, so we came to this city to begin our work.

Upon arriving at the Hills we were a little disappointed to find the towns looking so small, but after investigating we find them much larger than we had thought, as many little spurs extend into the ravines, and can not be seen from the railroad.

This city has 5,000 inhabitants and it is a genuine mining camp, reminding one of Park City of our own State.

We find a superior class of people here who seem to be well educated and for the most part well-mined. The city officials treated us kindly and promised us their sympathy in our work. They said they were glad we had come to their city and hoped we would be able to better the condition of some of the people.

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our meetings, and a good congregation to preach to. We closed our meeting the Sunday following with the subject of the Book of Mormon and a strong testimony.

My feelings with many others are that in southern Missouri much fruit will be reaped from the seeds of Gospel truth that has been and will be sown. Our labors are a source of joy and satisfaction as is the case with all who are working for the advancement of truth. If there are any who have friends or relatives here and would desire us to visit them, please address us at Carthage, Mo.

We desire to express our appreciation for the Deseret News. It is a source of pleasure to us.

Your brother,

J. T. MOSES JR.

Dr. Dowle's "Zion."

Waukegan, Lake Co., Illinois,

June 20th, 1900.

To the Editor:

We find the Deseret News to be of untold value in aiding us in the spreading of the Gospel, where it is possible to get it among the people.

After spending a pleasant winter in the great city of Chicago, canvassing from house to house, and holding some cottage meetings among the people, I was assigned, with Elder Andrew A. Larson as my companion, to labor in Lake county, Waukegan is the capital. It is a beautiful city, and it is noted for its pleasant homes and shady walks, surrounded with beautiful lawns and lovely flowers. It has a population of twelve thousand. It is also noted for its many churches and good schools. There are many large manufacturing concerns. Among the largest are the United States sugar refinery, and the American steel and wire works, which employ about nine hundred men each. Many of the largest lake steamboats unload their cargoes at these docks. At the present writing the surrounding country is most beautiful to behold, filling one's soul with views of a paradise on earth. And it makes one's heart rejoice to see the beautiful scenes that nature can produce.

We have some few friends here, of whose hospitality the Elders have freely partaken.

During our labor in this part of the Lord's vineyard, we by chance met an old gentleman by the name of Thomas Dugdale, who is well acquainted with the history of our people. He gave us many points of history pertaining to our early life among the Latter-day Saints, as my companion, a noble Church. He said the Prophet Joseph after he was killed by the mob at Carthage Jail, he said the "Mormon" people were good, honest and a noble Church. He was acquainted with many of the Utah Pioneers. Mr. Dugdale is 74 years of age, and hale and hearty.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this State. We are continuing to hold meetings upon the streets here. Generally speaking we have good crowds who come out to listen to us, and I am pleased to say that we are meeting with fair success in our labors.

There is a new city being built six miles north from here, to be called the City of Zion. Dr. Dowle, of Chicago, is the founder of it. It is to be inhabited by "the Christian Catholic Church." Mr. Dowle has purchased six thousand acres of land at this place to build his new city on. I visited the ground and found the spot where their temple is to be built. It is located two miles from the shore of Lake Michigan.

The health of the Elders in this conference is good. The spirit of love and union is with us. And we are enjoying our labors very much. The Lord has blessed us in many ways.

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